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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting our British Values activities and International Day last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed two superb workshops which were paid for by the PTA. We would like to thank the PTA for paying for the new sound system in the hall. It is fantastic!

All dates for this term are included in this newsletter, please take a moment to add these to your calendars. Please remember the Easter holiday is **after** the Easter weekend. Please also note that on the 2016/2017 Term Dates school finishes on **Wednesday** 21st December 2016 not Friday 21st December. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

On Monday 18th January two year 6 children and two year 5 children will be attending the Bronze Ambassadors course. We wish them all the best of luck.

Lisa Walker

Congratulations to Klodi Grajeveci, Noah Choudhury, Kayah Patel and Kordian Zurek who were recorded in the Golden Book for their outstanding work!

*Our SEAL theme for this half term is "Going for Goals"
'A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour.'
Our value for this month is determination.*

SWIMMING LESSONS

If you have not already returned your swimming slip and donation, could you please do so asap.

SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of school lunches for the first half of the Spring Term is £62.35 (from 5th January to 12th February 2016). The amount for the second half term is £60.20 (from 22nd February to 1st April). The total for this term is therefore £122.55. Payment must be made in advance; if you wish to pay weekly, it is £10.75 per week, payable in advance on Monday morning for that week. Please send your school lunch payments to the school office as soon as possible (cash or cheque payable to Courtland School). You may also pay by card to the LBB Catering Services on 020 8359 5055 and they will reimburse the school. Please check your current balance with Mrs Hall.

VOLUNTARY WORK IN INDIA BY YEAR 2 CHILD

Shayan Vagjiani in Year 2 went to India and visited the Kera Kanya Pri. School. He took food donations and education packs. Shayan received a special letter of thanks from the school who were overwhelmed by his and his family's generosity. We, at Courtland, would also like to congratulate Shayan on his achievement and feel very lucky to have him as part of our school. We will put some photos up in the foyer of his visit to the school for you to look at.

REC-YEAR 6 NACE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

All pupils are welcome to take part in the above competition being run by the National Association for Able Children in Education. The subject is 'Energy'. Energy conjures up images of vitality, enthusiasm and sparkle; people dancing, light and dark, discos, competing in sports events, jumping, running and swimming. Animals are energetic too - the hamster running on his wheel almost generating energy. You can submit up to four photos (preferably printed on photographic paper) in colour or black and white. You **MUST** write your name, year group and age on the back of the photo, and the deadline for entries is Monday 25th January 2016. Unfortunately, photos cannot be returned. Entries will be judged by a panel of NACE Trustees, Directors and CEO using the following criteria: Composition, Technical ability, Originality, Interpretation of the subject - energy. The prize will consist of the winning photograph in each category being made into a canvas print. Winners will be contacted and asked to produce an electronic version of their photograph. The winners and finalists photographs will appear on the NACE website and be used in future NACE publications.

ART CLUB

There are still a few places left on Art Club. Bookings are still being taken for this fun creative club. If you wish to book, please fill in a booking form which you can get from outside the school office.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This club is open to Y3-Y6 and still has places available. If you wish to book, please fill in a booking form which you can get from outside the school office.

JUNIOR KARATE, CHESS AND GYM CLUBS

These clubs are all now full. We will be holding a waiting list which you are welcome to add your child's name to. Please see Mrs Hall or Mrs Brown.

PARENT LIBRARIANS

There will be a meeting for Parent Librarians next Wednesday 20th January at 9.15am to formulate our Action Plan for this term.. Please let Mrs Swinburne know if you will be able to attend by completing the reply slip that will be coming home in your child's bag today. Thank You.

GIRL'S FOOTBALL

Due to the excellent turn out in the girl's football try outs on Tuesday the girl's football club will go ahead and the training will continue on Tuesdays at lunchtime. You do not need to buy any football boots or shin pads yet.

NETBALL

Netball club starts again today after school.

COOKERY CLUB

Cookery club will begin on Monday 18th January from 3.30pm - 4.45pm every week and will run for 4 consecutive weeks. This term places are only offered to **Year 5**. There are 6 places available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The cost of this club is £8.00. Children should return money and permission slip into the office no later than **Friday 15th January**. Remember to bring a Tupperware box to each session so you can take your treats home. Please note down any allergies or dietary requirements that your child has on the permission slip.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 13th January 2016 - Y6 Football Tournament 12.30-3.00pm
- Wednesday 13th January - Y2 Cake Sale Sparkles Theme
- Friday 15th January - Barnet Libraries Rep to talk to School Council
- Monday 18th January - Bronze Ambassadors Training
- Monday 25th January - Football Team Match V St. Pauls School 3.15pm
- Thursday 28th January - Netball Tournament 12.00-3.00pm
- Wednesday 3rd February - Year 3 Class Assembly 9.30am
- Thursday 4th February - Allianze Park Barnet Bar Know one **TBC**
- Thursday 4th February - Reception Class Cake Sale
- Monday 8th February - Intra Schools Sports Week
- Wednesday 10th February - PTA Children's Event **TBC**
- Thursday 11th February - Year 6 SATS Meeting 3.30pm year 6 classroom
- Thursday 11th February - PTA Valentines Cake Sale
- **Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February - Half Term**
- Tuesday 23rd February - Maths Challenge Competition at Belmont School 2.00-4.00pm
- Wednesday 24th February - Year 2 Tate Modern Museum
- Thursday 25th February - Year 6 Lincolnsfield Centre
- Thursday 25th February - Years 4,5 and 6 Cross Country Competition
- Thursday 25th February - Drama For All workshops Rec, Y1 and Y2
- Wednesday 9th March - Dance Festival. Performance is 7.00pm
- Thursday 10th March - Year 4 Cake Sale Easter Theme
- Tuesday 15th March - Year 4 Natural History and Science Museums
- Wednesday 16th March - Rec Class Assembly
- Tuesday 22nd March - Year 1 Science Museum
- Wednesday 23rd March - Mill Hill Observatory
- Thursday 24th March - PTA Easter Egg Hunt 3.30pm
- **Friday 25th March - Good Friday School Closed**
- **Monday 28th March Easter Monday School Closed**
- Tuesday 29th March - Parent Consultations Year 1 - Year 6
- Wednesday 30th March - Parent Consultations Year 1 - Year 6
- Friday 1st April - Break for Easter **School Closes at 2.00pm**



